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Malachy E. Mannion

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1953
 Education: Scranton 1976 BS; Pace 1979 JD
 Began Service: January 4, 2001
 Term Expires: January 3, 2017

Academic: Lecturer, United States Department of Justice Attorney General's Advocacy Institute; Lecturer, Pennsylvania Bar Institute; Lecturer, Federal Bar Association

Government: Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Nassau, New York (1980-1986); Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Pennsylvania, United States Department of Justice, Ronald Reagan Administration (1986-1993); Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Pennsylvania, United States Department of Justice, William J. Clinton Administration (1997-2001)

Legal Practice: Partner, Hourigan, Kluger, Spohrer & Quinn, P.C. (1993-1997)

Current Memberships: Federal Bar Association; Lackawanna Bar Association; Pennsylvania Bar Association

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Number of Judgeships: 2

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John J. Thomas

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
 Education: Dickinson 1972 JD
 Began Service: January 10, 1992
 Term Expires: January 10, 2020

Academic: Adjunct Professor, The Pennsylvania State University (1987-1992)

Government: Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender, County of Luzerne, Pennsylvania (1974-1985); First Assistant Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender, County of Luzerne, Pennsylvania (1984-1985)

Current Memberships: Middle District Bankruptcy Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association

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Mary D. France

Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: March 3, 2003

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Robert N. Opel

Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: September 2006
 Term Expires: September 2020

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Number of Judgeships: 10

Number of Vacancies: 1

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Gary L. Lancaster

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
 Education: Slippery Rock U 1971 BS; Pittsburgh 1974 JD
 Began Service: December 17, 1993
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Government: Regional Counsel, Human Relations Commission, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1974-1976); Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania (1976-1978)

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (1987-1993)

Legal Practice: Sole Practitioner (1978-1979); Partner, Cooper & Lancaster (1979-1981); Brown & Smith (1981-1987)

Current Memberships: Allegheny County Bar Association; The American Inns of Court; Homer S. Brown Law Association; National Bar Association

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Donetta W. Ambrose

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
 Education: Duquesne 1967 BA, 1970 JD
 Began Service: 1994
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
 Political Affiliation: Democrat

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Louis L. Manderino, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania (1970); Law Clerk The Honorable Louis L. Manderino, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (1971-1972)

Government: Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1972-1974); Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania (1977-1981)

Judicial: Judge, Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas (1982-1993); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (2009)

Legal Practice: Partner, Ambrose & Ambrose (1974-1981)

Current Memberships: Allegheny County Bar Association; American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; The American Inns of Court; American Judicature Society; National Association of Women Judges; Pennsylvania Bar Association; Commission on Women in the Profession, Pennsylvania Bar Association; Westmoreland Bar Association; Womens Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania

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Sean J. McLaughlin

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1955
 Education: Georgetown 1977 BA, 1980 JD
 Began Service: October 13, 1994
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable William W. Knox, United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (1980-1981)

Legal Practice: Knox, McLaughlin, Gornall & Sennett (1981-1994)

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